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# H. CON. RES. 309

Commending Armed Forces medical personnel for their outstanding care  
of combat casualties.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BEAN (for herself, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SNYDER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. REYES, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. TANNER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HOYER, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. HIGGINS, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. HERSETH, Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania, Mr. KIND, Mr. BOYD, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. BARROW) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commending Armed Forces medical personnel for their  
outstanding care of combat casualties.

Whereas the Armed Forces have a distinguished history of  
providing excellent and prompt medical care to Ameri-

cans wounded on the battlefield and have long been world leaders in emergency medicine and medical innovation;

Whereas combat casualty care is provided by members of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, serving as corpsmen and medics on the frontlines; surgeons, nurses, and specialists aboard hospital ships and at forward surgical stations, combat support hospitals, and theater hospitals; crewmembers of transport aircraft; and staff at hospitals located within the United States providing medical, therapeutic, and rehabilitative care;

Whereas military medicine is an indispensable part of ensuring military readiness by maintaining and, when necessary, repairing the most important component of our military—the American service member;

Whereas Armed Forces medical personnel contribute to the morale of members of the Armed Forces and their families by ensuring that if members of the Armed Forces are injured or fall ill while they are deployed, they will receive the best medical care the United States can offer;

Whereas more than 91 percent of casualties in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom have survived their wounds and fewer than 1.5 percent of wounded personnel have died after receiving some level of medical care—the best survival rates of any conflict in United States history;

Whereas the combat casualty care provided by Armed Forces medical personnel has saved hundreds of lives in Iraq and Afghanistan through state-of-the-art technology, forward-deployed surgical units and hospitals, rapid patient-transportation and aeromedical evacuation, and the skill and

compassion of care providers serving on the frontlines  
and in hospitals at home;

Whereas forward care is integrated with a responsive and  
specialized evacuation system that quickly transports pa-  
tients to higher levels of care in the theater of operations,  
to facilities in Germany, and on to the United States,  
often within 48 hours of the injury; and

Whereas Armed Forces medical personnel are as essential a  
component to United States defense and military success  
as those members of the Armed Forces who serve in com-  
bat units: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3           (1) commends all current and former Armed  
4       Forces medical personnel for their service and dedi-  
5       cation to the United States and their outstanding  
6       care of members of the Armed Forces who are in-  
7       jured in combat; and

8           (2) reaffirms its commitment to supporting  
9       Armed Forces medical personnel by providing the  
10      best training and equipment available, so that they  
11      can continue to provide the best possible care to  
12      members of the Armed Forces who are injured in  
13      combat.

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